

## RESOLUTION

### THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAVE THE AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION AND RECOGNIZES ITS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN RIVER AND THE AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY

**WHEREAS**, the Save the American River Association (SARA), is a grass roots citizens organization established in 1961 to preserve the American River and spearheaded the establishment of the American River Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, SARA is the oldest volunteer organization with the primary mission of protecting and advocating for the public interest in land and water issues concerning the lower American River and the American River Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the American River Parkway (Parkway), is today an open space greenbelt approximately 23-miles in length located along the American River that has been designated both a State and National *Wild and Scenic River*, which hosts nearly six million visitors annually who enjoy the unique wildlife and recreational areas by fishing, boating and rafting, and is considered the “Jewel of Sacramento;” and

**WHEREAS**, the American River is widely known for its water-related recreational opportunities and supports a mosaic of habitats and diverse wildlife, including some of the last West Coast salmon and steelhead runs; and

**WHEREAS**, local organizations, such as SARA, are essential for the protection and promotion of public trust resources, such as the American River, for the benefit of the statewide public and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, this year SARA celebrates its 50th Anniversary and half century of efforts and accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED by the California State Lands Commission**, that it acknowledges the 50th Anniversary of the Save the American River Association and commends its service and commitment to protecting and enhancing the public trust resources of the American River and the environmental and public recreational values of the American River Parkway.